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A CENTENNIAL SALUTE TO OUR HOMETOWN

When a city reaches its 100th anniversary, a celebration is in order...especially when the city is our hometown, Pocahontas.

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During this week of festivities, we pause in tribute to those hardy pioneers whose many bequests and endowments we enjoy today.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to have furnished the committee that formulated the first plans for this Centennial celebration. Pocahontas' Centennial Celebration, representing innumerable hours of planning and preparations, portrays in vivid programs of pageantry, displays and entertainment, the vigorous and fruitful manner in which our citizens have progressed and carried out their assignments over the years.

The spirit of the 100th birthday party is one depicting the progress and advancement of our city and county. The theme is carried out in numerous displays found in the commercial and civic establishments about town.

Try to find time to visit the business and residential sections of our city. Pocahontas' historic charm and beauty and the warmth and friendliness of its people will help make your attendance of the Centennial Celebration a memorable experience.

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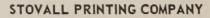
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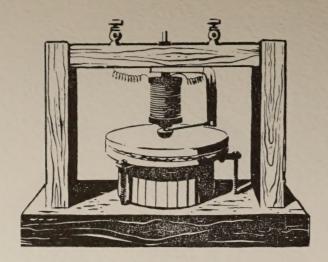
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In the Beginning.....

We are here on this particular spot of the earth today directly or indirectly because of the visions and dreams of a lad, Columbus. In his day, Columbus was thought to be an impractical dreamer. He must have been "shaking in his boots" when he picked up the courage to stand before the Queen of Spain and timidly say something like this, "I am convinced that the earth is round and I wish to sail forth and prove it." His great determination to carry out whatever he undertook . . . against the rip tides of time . . . criticism, doubt, scorn, etc. gave him the courage to set out upon what was then an unchartered sea; foregoing many hardships, trials and discouragements, with but one thought uppermost in his mind—the goal.

The same spirit of determination existed in the people who first settled in Pocahontas. When the "Westward Move" in our United States started, brave souls left the comforts and security of their homes, going from the "known" parts of our United states to the "unknown", striving ever to better and brighten the future for themselves and their children.

Tradition and recorded facts are so completely interwoven in the early history of the Middle West that it is almost impossible to tell where one leaves off and the other begins. The oldest recording of of the land that is now the proud State of Arkansas, shows it as a "part of the North American Continent inhabited by savage red men and wild and ferocious animals."

The flags of Spain and France were flown on its' borders before the great Louisiana Purchase raised the Stars and Stripes of the United States over that vast region embracing almost the entire half of the

Mississippi Valley.

Again it passed through another period of transition; in 1804 it was designated as a part of the District of Louisiana; in 1805 it became a part of the District of New Madrid; in 1813 it was made a part of the Territory of Missouri, and on July 4, 1819 by an Act of Congress, it was named the Territory of Arkansas in its own right. President Monroe appointed his friend, General James Miller, hero of Lundy's Lane, as the Governor of the new Territory, and Robert Crittenden, a rising young lawyer of Frankfort, Kentucky, as its Secretary.

INDIANS

At that time the frequent uprisings among the various tribes of Indians inhabiting the new land division were causing considerable uneasiness to the

Government in Washington.

The Caddos, in the southern part of the Territory and the Quapaws in the central and north central section were, generally, friendly toward the white people. They were domestic types, living in small villages, cultivating small patches of grain, hunting and fishing. But the two most powerful tribes, the Cherokee and the Osabe, were continually at war with each other. Like the Quapaw and Caddo, the Cherokee tribe lived in villages, hunted, fished and cultivated patches of grain.

The Cherokee also displayed distinctive talent in handcraft. The Osage, on the other hand, was a roving tribe. Seeing a promising village or a fine herd of ponies, he would swoop down on his hapless victims, plunder, burn and carry away the spoils of his pillage. The Cherokee had sworn eternal vengeance upon the Osage for this depradations, and a state of unrelenting warfare existed between them.

President Monroe, desirious of bringing about a treaty of peace tetween them, commissioned Governor Miller to bring the chiefs of the Osage and Cherokee tribes together for a parley. Twice the Governor failed in the attempt. Months later they agreed to meet with him. This pow wow was held in the western part of the Territory, near the present site of Fort Smith. Neither chieftan would agree to any suggestion of peace, and the meeting was deadlocked until a young Indian, named Chickelleh, made such an impassioned appeal for the ceasing of hostilities and the useless slaughter of young braves of both tribes, that the lordly Cherokee and his darkskinned Osage enemy agreed to smoke the Pipe of Peace together.

The Cherokee chief, however, appearing to be somewhat doubtful as to how his people would accept this agreement with the Osage and the White Father in Washington, was asked if he would like to think the matter over. Shaking his head he proudly said: "I have spoken my word", and left, his prom-

ise given.

The Indian wars ended, white Settlers began coming in to the new Territory. Accounts of the beauty and fertility of the new country had been carried to the states east of the Mississippi by Indian scouts and hunters and a great exodus into the new Territory began. By wagon train and in single parties, whole families, with their slaves, livestock and such household goods as they could bring in their wagons, began pouring into the virgin lands. From 1808 to 1830 caravan after caravan fought their way over trails rutted deep by the wheels of the heavy wagons; forded wild and unchartered streams, wagons creaking and jolting over the rocky hills, the oxen pitting their great strength against the rugged hills and the pull of gumbo mud in the flat lands. Days of toil turned into months of laborious journeying. Hot winds in the summer months, snow and sleet and rain in the winter, all these took their toll of the pale-face travelers in the Indian country, and many a grave marked the trail to the great southwest.

Discouraging delays to make necessary repairs would at times test the faith of the strongest of them, but ever the lure of the home that was to be won from the wilderness held out new hope. At night, around the crackling campfires, they would talk of the country they would build; of the churches, schools and settlements that would spring up in this new country, equal to any that they had left behind across the Mississippi. Friendly Indians often came up, curious at the white faces and strange equipment of these wayfarers; conversations were interpreted by the guides who understood the customs and many of the dialects of the Indians; both white and red men ever cautious and alert to note any hostile movement, for every man carried, and knew how to use, a gun and a knife. But as far as is known, no act of treachery was



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Some time prior to 1808, the exact date is not known, Frank Hix brought his family into the Territory and settled on Current River. There in the land of the Osage and the Cherokee, he built his home and made lasting friends with the Indians and the few white hunters and scouts that passed along the Indian Trail that was soon to be the connecting link between the developed States east of the Mississippi and the opening west. Hix's Ferry across Current River, played an important part in the history of our country. Across that ferry came uncounted immigrants. Came young Robert Crittenden in frock coat and tall beaver hat, his newly signed Commission as Secretary of the Territory of Arkansas, along with his personal possessions, in his saddle bags.

Later that same ferry saw troop after troop of men in Blue and men in Gray, passing and repassing in the throes of the Bitter war between the

States.

In the migratory movement of the year 1809, John Janes of Virginia, a survivor of the Revolutionary War, who had come into the Territory of Missouri in 1800, brought his family southward. Reaching the northwestern part of what is now Randolph County, he settled in the valley of a large creek that still bears his name. Early records show that the Rickmans, Davises and Bakers also settled on Janes Creek.

In 1815 the David Black family came from South Carolina and chose for their home the rich lands in Eleven Point River valley. There, Mr. Black built his home and established a ferry and extended his hospitality to many a weary traveler passing on the

east-to-west trail.

According to a story told about this ferry, the United States Treasury is \$500.00 richer than it expected to be. At the time of the moving of the Indians into the Indian Territory, an agreement was made between a government agent in charge of the transportation of these people and Mr. Black to ferry the Indians across the river, for which Mr. Black was to receive a fee of \$500.00. But the Indians, not knowing of this arrangement, crossed the river at a ford during the night, and the ferrying deal fell through.

To the beautiful valley of the turbulent and unpredictable Spring River in the early years of the nineteenth century came many families of Scottish and English lineage. The Campbells, Stubblefields, Mattixes, Revvels and Hoderbys. Samuel McIlroy, a hatter by trade supplied the men in a radius of

miles with fine fur felt hats.

About 1822 the De Munn brothers, refugees of the French Revolution, came up from New Orleans, Louisiana, hunting and trapping. Locating on Black River, some two miles below the present site of Pocahontas, they built a water-powered grist mill and also a saw-mill on a creek emptying into Black River at that point, still known as Mill Creek. These water powered mills may have been the first industry in the Territory.

Arguing the presence of other French people in the area is the name of the River Fourche du Mas, evidently a corruption or erroneous spelling of Fourche Thomas, (fourche, meaning a creek or gulch). Also the name, Cherokee Bay, the name given to that portion of the county lying slightly northeast of Pocahontas, is most certainly a corruption of "Cherokee Bayou", as French people would refer to a lake or slough, that was a camp site of a Cherokee bank.

To this land drained by the Fourche du Mas, came the Foster, Fletchers, (Richard Fletcher was the father of John Gould Fletcher of the inoted Fletcher family in Arkansas), the Sweazys, lPlotts and the Peyton R. Pitmans, (Mr. Pitman became the first County Judge of Randolph County), Dr. Wm. Jarrett, who practiced medicine in the little town built by these pioneers, called Columbia, and the Mathias Mock family located on Mud Creek in 1815. In 1815, Wm. Clark, Governor of the Territory of Missouri, appointed William Russell as Justice of the Peace, "Within, and for the Settlement of Fourche de Thkmas". The first court was held in the Russell home.

The rich, delta-like soil built up by deposits left by the overflowing of the five rivers in Randolph County gave promise of a future, rich and produc-Towering cypress, oak, elm, black walnut, and hickory trees, larger in girth than the circumference of a wagon wheel, fell to the ring of the axe and swing of muscular shoulders. With broadaxe and wedge the logs were split, the bark and outer contour slabbed off. The heavy, square timbers were then used to build houses, most of them simple one-room cabins, while other more pretenious homes consisted of two large rooms connected by a hallway of the same dimensions, open on two sides, occasionally an attic room was built above the rooms, reached by a straight ladder nailed to the wall of the hallway. When a new comer came into the section, or a young couple married and beconstruction of a new home, every man in the area, strong enough to "heft his end of a log" came, voluntarily, to assist at the building and many hands made short work of the primitive task.

In 1822, Thomas Stephenson Drew, (who later became the 3rd Governor of the State of Arkansas), came from Virginia, carrying a small stock of merchandise on a pony pack train, stopping at the cabins scattered along the trail and peddling his wares. Seeing the potential possibilities of the tiny settlement on the river road, young Drew decided to locate at Bettes' Bluff and open a little store. There he met and married Cinderalla, daughter of Dr.

Ransom and Polly Bettis.

In addition to his store, Mr. Drew also began trading in hogs. In those days and for twenty or thirty years after, any one placing a pair or two of hogs in the evergreen cane brakes in the "bottoms", marked with his own brand, could go into the bottoms in the Falland killall the hogs he would need for his meat for the year. In the same manner hogs were quite an item in a commercial way. Although not the "razorback" of fiction, they were by no means the sleek, well-shaped porcine animals of today's market, but they meant meat and lard and therefore were a good investment. Mr. Drew built a small packing house and shipped meat and livestock on flatboats and barges to markets down the river, returning with a



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load of merchandise for his store. He also took a keen interest in the political problems of the Territory of Arkansas, as well as the advancement of the little town. Due to the hardships that were an accepted and inescapable part of their lives, these hardy pioneers loved a romantic tale. The story of the brave little daughter of Chief Powhatan caught their fancy and they decided to call their town Pocahantas, instead of the possessive and less euphonic, "Bettis' Bluff", The name "Pocahantas" means "The Playful One".

Upon formal application and by an Act of the 22nd Congress of the United States of America, Arkansas Territory was admitted as the 31st State of the Union on the 7th Day of December, 1836, which Act was approved and ratified by President Andrew Jackson on the 15th day of June, 1836, and became the soveriegn State of Arkansas.

The Act creating the State gave to each county the right to select and name its own county seat. Two commissioners were appointed to select two likely settlements and let the people choose one of the two for their seat of justice at an election to

be held for that purpose.

The largest number of settlers having located some eight miles north of Pocahontas, it was presumed that the county seat would be established there, at a point near Eclipse Spring. Another argument in favor of that point was that the first court in the county had been held in the home of William Russell, in that area. In a few stump speeches, after the appointment of the commissioners, this idea was advanced.

But, "Politicians are born, not made", is an adage that held true in the day of the pioneer as well as it does today. The Bettis and Drew families, owning the largest portion of the real estate in Pocahontas and anxious to secure the county seat for that town, arranged a free barbecue and rally, to which the entire population of the county

was invited.

The day began with martial music, followed by contests of strength and dexterity, military maneuvers and the showing and judging of fine horses, for which, even at that early date, Randolph County was quite famous. Over it all wafted the tantilizing aroma of the beef, pork and venison roasting to the proper degree in the big barbecue pit in the grove near the river. When the meat was done "to a turn", the dinner bell called everyone to the feast of delectable barbecued meat, bread and lemonade. Whiskey was also served in generous quantities, Bettis and Drew showing a lavish hospitality to their assembled guests. Afternoon, the women gathered in a shady grove to visit with each other. The men congregated about a speaker's stand and gave close attention to patriotic oratory in the flowery language of the day, flavored with politics and humor. The building of the new State and County; the obligation of "every man, woman and child" to do his utmost to promote the settling and advancement of the new Commonwealth; the ideal means of commercial and passenger traffic offered by Black River; the natural boat landing place at the foot of the bluff were some of the major topics of discussion at this occasion. When someone in the crowd suggested that it would be a good time to hold the election of a county seat, the idea was promptly acted upon. The result gave

the selection to Pocahontas by a small majority. A rider was dispatched to Arkansas Post with the result of the election and Pocahontas was legally recorded as the county seat of Randolph County in

the new State of Arkansas.

Much credit for the upbuilding of the town and county goes deservedly to the foreign-born people who came into it during the '80's. Father Weibel, missionary priest in northeast Arkansas, procured for Pocahontas a part of that great tide of immigrants pouring into the United States from all over Europe. The majority of the immigrants coming to Pocahontas were from parts of Germany, with some Swiss, Hollanders, Bavarians, Irish and Scottish families

The foreigners experienced great hardships in the first years of their residence here. Climatic conditions caused severe illness among them. Maleria and cholera morbus, that great killer of children in the past, claimed the life of almost every baby among the newcomers. As one tiny coffin after the other was carried to the graveyard, terror struck at the immigrants. Many of them disposed of their holdings and left for other states. Those who remained, by their thrift and application brought about a change in the agricultural system of the county. Accustomed to small acreages, they knew how to conserve space and give careful cultivation to the crops. Row crops and grain fields received careful attention. Every farm had its orchard, seedling trees, but carefully pruned and cared for, they yielded good fruit. All of their lands were fenced with hand-split rails, the only type of fence in the rural sections of the country, but the majority of the farms existing in that time had only the fields and house place fenced. Many acres 'lay out' where the livestock roamed at will. In fact, this fencing was one of openly-voiced criticisms against the strangers, who at first were looked upon with suspicion and sometimes hostility. "These Dutchmen" (all foreigners were labeled Dutchmen), "are going to ruin the country with their fencing. Pretty soon there won't be a place left to hunt in or to turn the stock out in"

But the native friendliness of the Randolph people met the proffered friendship of the newcomers and a mutual trust and respect developed. Many funny stories are told about the foreigners, whose ways seemed so strange to the native sons and daughters. On the other hand, the habits and mannerisms of the "Americaners" gave rise to many a

joke among the "Dutchmen".

Children of all lands knew no racial or national differences and playing together the little immigrants quickly learned to speak English and in turn taught their language to the children of the area where they had settled.

CUSTOMS

A log-rollin' was something of an event in a community. Heavy, back-straining work for the menfolk from early sun-up till dinner time. Then the bountiful meal, prepared by the women folk of the neighborhood, was spread on tables made of rough boards laid across convenient stumps or big rocks. Venison, racoon, pork and wild turkey in thick, juicy slices, with corn bread and a dessert of dried fruit, washed down with hot coffee or cold spring water, satisfied hearty appetites. After dinner the women cleared the tables, carefully avoiding any waste of food, and the men returned to their work.



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The settlers would also "swap work"; in return for help extended to him by his neighbors, most of whom lived a distance of five and even ten miles miles away, a man with his wife and the members of his family big enough to use a hoe or plow, would come and offer their help, when an ill-timed over-flow or a physical injury had caused an acquaintance to fall behind in his crop making. Without this mutual help a broken bone or other misfortune would spell catastrope if it occurred between planting time and the time that crops were "laid by" The bite of a water moccasin in the swampy lands or a rattler or copperhead in the uplands was a source of constant dread while working in the dense undergrowth or among the rocks and ledges. Agony, and often death, were the results of the sting of these venomous snakes in that day before the development of life-saving sera. Any person who failed to come to the aid of another in time of need was looked upon with contempt by his neighbors.

Every home had, in addition to the vegetable garden brightened by brilliant summer flowers, an assortment of herbs to meet sickness — calomus, tansy, catnip, hoarhound and camomile, for teas and brews. The bark of wild cherry and slippery elm were carefully brewed into a bitter but curative dose. And in the spring a round of sulphur and molasses to thin the blood said to have become sluggish during the winter, dosage enforced by any method deemed necessary by the dispenser.

A political speaking would always draw a crowd. Usually a picnic or barbecue was arranged in connection with the pseaking, for the benefit of a church or school-building project. Ice cream and lemondde stands were patronized by everyone. Ice was kept under a great pile of sawdust, taken out a chuck at a time, put into a gunny sack and crushed to freeze the ice cream in hand-turned freezers.

That the cream would be melted to a soup-like consistency before the last of it was dished out did not detract from its deliciousness. Lemonade was made in larbe tubs and ladled into tumblers at a nickel a glass. The used glasses were doused in another tub of water and were ready for the next customer. Thick slices of barbecued meat and 'store boughten' bread provided a substantial meal for the picnickers. A mule-powered merry-go-round provided a dizzying ride. No ride on a painted carousel or roller-coaster could out-thrill the whirl of the circle of seates while the patient mule wearily walked around the center post, pulling the lever that controlled the swing.

Boat excursions were a high point in the social life of the town. A dinner on board, the evening of dancing in the moonlight, the sweet sound of music on the water made a never-to-be-forgotten experience. At all the balls and dances the parents or some older people accompanied the young couples, sometimes sitting around the dance floor visiting with one another, but more often than not they joined in with the dancers and were always a welcome

part of the party.

No young man would dream of coming to escort a young lady in the evening without carrying a lantern, either in his hand or attached to his buggy, nor would her father or guardian have permitted her to accompany the youth without the benefit of this

illuminating appurtenance.

With the progress of time came other sources of entertainment. While the steamboat excursions still were popular and balls still filled the ball rooms of hotels, "Opera House" or private home a new form of entertainment was opening up to the people of the city. Chautauqua bookings were engaged and the big tents were filled with patrons at every performance of the varied and artistic entertainers. Stock Companies opened for a week at a time with a reportoire of comedies and light opera, either under a tent or in the "Opera House". A good stock company was certain of an enthusiastic patronage season after season. Circuses and animal shows came in the late summer or early fall. Horseback and buggy riding, kodaking, sleighing, candy making and ice cream socials offered as satisfying relaxation and pleasure as the vacation trips to beach or summer resort of today. Customs change but human nature does not and the pleasant association of youth needs no particular era to satisfy the human craving for social proximity.

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appy Birthday, Pocahontas. We're happy to join our fellow citizens in celebrating this first Century of Progress in our thriving community. A hundred years is a long time, and there are a lot of memories stored up in the minds of those who have lived here, worked here, and made their contribution to the growth and development of our town and our area—which makes it especially fitting that we pause and reflect for a moment celebrate this memorable occasion and, perhaps, give thanks for the many good things that are ours.

Our homes, our churches, our schools, our good neighbors and fine friends and with them all, the many privileges that we enjoy in this "Land of the Free." All these—and every one of them—give just cause for jubilation, ample evidence that a commemoration is in order.

Although Reddy Kilowatt-like most of us-wasn't around here way back when this area was first developed, he's here today, plenty strong, to help us celebrate and to provide the power for continued progress. Joining with Reddy are several hundred men and women behind your electric switch-your friends and neighbors-who say "Congratulations, Pocahontas, on your progress and prosperity of the past. Happy Birthday and a hundred happy returns.



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Religion and Education....

Many of the pioneers brought their religion with Services were soon held in the homes or under the canopy of great trees. As communities developed and neighborhoods became settled, religious societies were formed and durable places of worship erected. Pocahontas was destined to become the site for churches of many denominations.

Educational growth paralleled religious progress to a large extent. Tradition has it that Caleb Lindsey, migrating from Kentucky in 1815, settled on Spring River and in a cave on the river taught the neighborhood children the rudiments of learning.

At or near the same time, John Young Lindsey, son of Caleb Lindsey, a Baptist preacher, traveled the area. Also, Eli Lindsey, was busily engaged in carrying the message of John Wesley to the people. Two Jesuits, Fathers Odin and Timan, travelling a mission-route from St. Louis through New Madrid to Davidsonville and Arkansas Post baptised, instructed and performed marriages for the Catholics scattered throughout the territory.

Understandably, advancement was slow but an early Arkansas History reveals that Sunday Schools were numerous and soon school classes were conducted for a few weeks at a time in various churches with the teacher usually being paid in commodi-

Subscription type schools flourished and the first recorded public school in Pocahontas was taught in the early 'eighties' by Mrs. Eliza Hogan. Another pioneer in the public schools, Miss Mollie Smith, remained a teacher almost to the end of her long and energetic life.

During the early years the first few 'readers' wrote on slates but the more advanced students were taught to write with pen and ink on 'slick'

A Catholic Institute, known later as the Maria Stein Academy, wielded considerable influence in educational circles. Opened in 1867 by Sisters Mary Beatrice, Mary Agnes, Mary Walburga, and Mary Frances, the young men and women of the city were introduced to the fine arts, voice, and painting. A separate school was operated for negro students.

Although not yet well attended the public school was fairly well established by 1899 and most of our present churches enjoyed sizeable congregations.

Some of the capable and dedicated religious leaders of the time included George F. Lemmons, Sol

M. White, Joe L. Park, Herbert Rice, Theodore Rice, M.D. Bowers, R.C. Medearis, Mrs. Charles F. Shannon, J. Will Henley, Raymond Henley, Mrs. Henry Douglass, J.S. Anderson, Colonel James Purkins, William H. Johnson, M.A. Grant, William

Inman, and Father O'Kean.

Close harmony existed between religious groups. For instance, in 1868 while aboard a Mississippi River steamer, a group of businessmen formed a friendship with Father O'Kean who was invited to preach in Pocahontas. At the close of the services, the citizens, most of them Protestant and Jewish, there being less than a dozen catholics in the county, subscribed \$2,000.00 for the erection of a Catholic church. Methodists frequently permitted other denominations to use their building for worship

Some will recall the dedication of the Church of Christ in 1914 by a twelve year-old boy preacher, Raymond Henley, whose ability as a speaker invoked much comment in the community. Everyone was grieved when fire destroyed the First Baptist Church in 1948 but the undaunted members commenc-

ed rebuilding plans even on the smoldering ruins. Going back again, the schools kept pace with advancements in the community and at the beginning of the century construction was launched on the brick building located on Marr Street which, although revamped, is still used as a grade school. In its corridors is contained the hallowed memories of beloved teachers who patiently but firmly guided their charges through the 'readers' and "blue back" spellers and, much later, through the systematic

series of grades.

Detailed accounts of individual group advances are available to the interested, but the fact of our community, spiritual and educational growth is best reflected in the moral stability of our citizens for rarely do we experience an extremely serious crime or act of violence. Further, we have at least fourteen active and growing congregations of different faiths in our community and the beautiful churches, parsongaes, and related properties, conservatively valued in excess of \$500,000, is some indication fo the importance attached to this phase of our community life. Finally, the modern public and parochial school plants and systems stand in tribute to our early pioneers in education.



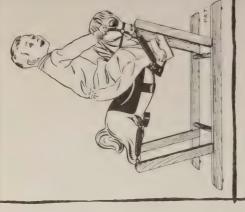
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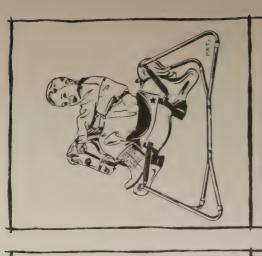
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 Arkansas Brothers of the Brush of Gay 90's
 Witt & Schoonover Law Office in early 1900's

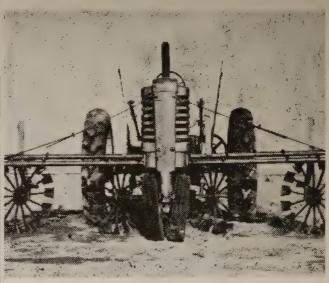
- Biggers Hotel
 Snow Scene
 Scene of Cast in play "The Old Maid's Convention" held May 20, 1902 at Court House



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BATTLE SCARS.....

CIVIL WAR

At the beginning of the Civil War the Southern states began withdrawing from the Union and Arkansas stood with the Confederacy. The Secession Convention met in Little Rock on March 4, 1861. James W. Crenshaw, a descendant of Patrick Henry, was the delegate from Randolph County.

Pocahontas was to become a major recruiting center. The first act of the Military Board was to organize five regiments, which assembled and rendezvoused at Pocahontas. Later, General William J. Hardee established his headquarters in Pocahontas and successfully recruited an army. Again, in 1862, General Van Dorn recruited ten infantry and four artillery companies for immediate service, Two prominent community leaders, Dr. Michael Beshoar and Major James T. Martin, veterans of Shiloh and Corinth, returned on leave to Pocahontas and organized a company of troops which garrisoned the city with headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel. This company successfully raided Greenville, Missouri, and attacked Colonel Leeper's Cavalry while they were asleep in their tents, sending them in disorderly retreat across the river 'in their underwear'.

Eight companies of Randolph County men were banded together and placed under the command of the following men, nearly all of whom have living descendants in our area: Joseph Martin, Eli Hufstedler, Mahlon McNabb, T.J. Mellon, Albert Kelsey, Wm. A. Black, Isaac Schmick, and John Mitchell.

The city was not without contact with Federal troops. On one occasion General Steele occupied the same camp-site formerly used by General Hardee

while recruiting his army.

Later, Federal troops, returning from a skirmish, respectfully but firmly, commandeered the come of Margaret Elizabeth Hampp converting it, temporarily, to a hospital for their wounded. In 1863, a segment of the twon was burned by Federal raiders.

A tragic, yet amusing, episode occurred the night that Union vavalrymen captured General Charles Thompson, the "Swamp Fox", while asleep. Almost simultaneously with the capture, a Confederate courier arrived at the General's headquarters, and, seeing the Union troops said: "General, I see you have prisoners." "No," the General replied, wryly, "they have me."

The war ended and many of our finest men were killed, wounded and crippled. The economic chaos that embraced the South at the end of hostilities prevailed here. Yet, despite adversity, the city slowly progressed. Churches, schools and new comercial buildings were erected, sidewalks extended and the area slowly assumed a new air of prosperity.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

The Spanish-American War in 1898, found a members of the county's citizens enlisting. Five survivors of the war lived in Pocahontas until a few years ago: Captain J.W. Argo, Jake Liebabber Herbert W. Schoonover, J.C. Bowers and S.A. Smith. Mr. Smith is now the only survivor of Randolph County's Spanish-American Veterans.

THE WORLD WARS AND THE KOREAN CONFLICT

On registration day, June 5, 1917, the city had a large rally, complete with a parade, consisting of bands and patriotic floats.

Our fighting men were soon inducted at Camp Pike, dispersed to training camps, and thence to

action.

At home, Liberty Loan Drives, Thrift Stamp Savings, Liberty Days, meatless, wheatless and sugarless days, worry and anxiety consumed our time and thoughts. Our women prayed, sewed, knitted, made

bandages and scanned casualty lists.

On November 7, 1918, a false report that hostilities had ended reached the city and the premature celebration that followed ended in bitter disappointment. When news of the actual signing of the Armistice reached Pocahontas a few days later, our people gathered in churches and gave thanks for the end of the war.

Our men served with distinction and Clyde Hufstedler received the Distinguished Service Medal. William Steimel received the Distinguished Service

Medal and the Croix De Guerre of France.

This was during the 'Prohibition' Era and upon the return of our men, much food and "Bevo" (a non-alcoholic beverage) was consumed at a "Welcome Home" party held in the A.B. Jones Wholesale Company Building. Later that day, our American Legion Post was organized and named Meeks-Johnston, honoring Lts. Charles Meeks and Warren Johnston.

Twenty-four years later, from the fields, classrooms, factories and business houses, our boys stepped into the grim horror of World War II, their absence symbolized by small white flags, bordered with red, containing a blue star, proudly displayed in the home windows.

This was a war of many fronts. Casualty lists contained the names of many of our own. Yet, the war continued and more were needed and called. For the first time, our yough women served in uni-

form with distinction and courage.

During these troubled years, our community was host, entertained and provided homes for many of the officers and men stationed at a nearby airbase, some of whom have since returned to make this city their permanent home.

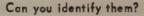
Finally, it was over, but evacuation came slowly. A Memorial Plaque stands on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn dedicated to men the who

gave their lives in these two wars.

The time that elapsed between World War II and the Korean Conflict was fleeting. The recency of the war precludes a discussion of its nature and, it suffices to say, that many of our boys were assigned to military duty in that distant land. Clarence Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, gave his life and a Distinguished Service Medal was awarded post-humously, to his parents.

Pocahontas has witnessed and survived five wars. In all of them her citizens have contributed magnificently to the cause to which she was aligned.

THREE VETERAN PHYSICIANS WHOSE PRACTICING YEARS TOTAL 150









We, the home town members of the Randolph County Medical Society, extend our best wishes to Pocahontas on its 100th birthday.

Dr. J. W. Brown

Dr. J. W. Ryburn

Dr. W. E. Hamil

Dr. M. A. Baltz

Dr. N. K. Smith

Dr. Thomas DeClerk

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FORMER POCAHONTAS SCHOOLS





Masonic Lodge built about 1891.
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 Second Floor was used for Masonic Lodge Meetings.



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ORGANIZATIONS

In recounting the progress of Pocahantas it is impossible to fail to give credit to the various Lodges, Fraternal and Civic Organizations.

The rank of seniority goes to Randolph Lodge No. 71, F. and A. M., which was chartered in 1854, although degrees were conferred and minutes of meetings kept since 1835. They built their first Hall in 1893.

Ther present Temple was built in 1951.

The Catholic Knights of America were organized in Pocahontas October 11, 1886.

Red Cross Chapter 46, Order of the Eastern Star, was organized November 20, 1906.

Knights of Columbus in Pocahontas received their charter February 4, 1923.

Many other strong organizations have flourished

in this city who, although they retain their Membership, are inactive at the present time.

Two troops of Boy Scouts are quite active. During 'Scout Week' they take over the municipal duties for a day, and woe unto any jaywalker or car driver who slips up on a traffic regulation during the hours these eagle-eyed youngsters are on duty, acquiring a taste of civic government.

The Girl Scouts and Brownies also hold their

various meetings and training periods.

Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rotarians and Kiwanis and the Business and Professional Women's Club, have active and progressive memberships to whom much credit for Pocahontas progress is due.

POCAHONTAS FOOTBALL TEAM IN 1925



Front row: Wear Schoonover, Bill Bates, Joe Blankenship, John Shivley, Wallace Gray

Second row: Earl James, Lyman Parker, Frank Blankenship, Tolton Lemmons, Paul Spikes, Willie Edrington

Third row: Menard Fisher, Howard Lester, Leon Brown, Glen Richardson, Tommy

Trabeau, Cloyd Spikes

Standing: Coach Ross Edwards

CENTENNIAL CAVORTING





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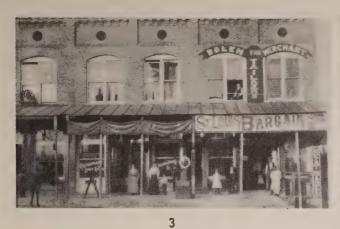
- Sellin' Sals
 Keystone Kops taking beardless man to stockade
 Brothers of the Brush Meat Wagon

- Gov. Orval E. Faubus being taken to Stockade
 Six "Brothers of the Brush" in front of stockade
 Circuit Judge Harold Simpson being placed in Stocks

SCENES OF OLD POCAHONTAS









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Old Court Square
 Old Court Square
 Martin's Livery Stable

Old Court Square
 Old Court Square
 Old Crosby House

August 30, 1956

July 5, 1956

HERE AND THERE

By E. B. O'B.

Just about everyone here has caught the spirit of the Centennial year of our beloved city. The various committees have begun in earnest to carry out the duties assigned to them and from here on out there'll be talk and more talk — publicity and more publicity about the week which has been set aside for a real celebration — the last week in September.

Those who are planning the event are all "hepped up", and preparations for the big pageant will be the order of the day, every day, from now until the climax.

July 12, 1956

Centennial Office Opened Wednesday August 23, 1956

Beauty Contest
To Be Highlight
Of Celebration
STREET DANCE
ON SQUARE HERE
FRIDAY NIGHT

August 16, 1956

KANGAROO KOURT NEWS

Pocahontas Centennial

IN THE KANGAROO COURT FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Centennial Traffic Poses Problem Kangaroo Kourt Monday Night

July 5, 1956 Proclamation For Brothers Of The Brush

August 9, 1956
Brothers Of Brush
To Hold First Session
Of Kangaroo Court
Friday Night, Aug. 17

July 26, 1956

Proclamation For Sisters of The Swish

August 30, 1956

Director Arrives Here To Coach The Centennial Pageant

Edmund J. Nejalmey, pageant director for the John B. Rogers Producing Company, which is planning Pocahontas' big Centennial pageant, arrived in Pocahontas Monday



Judge W. J. Schoonover After Kangaroo Kourt Sentence

Ark.-Mo. Magazine Carries Story Of Our Centennial

Spence's publicity story reads as follows:

If you think our cover page is a little bit . . . er. . . unusual, you should make a trip to Pocahontas.

You'll think Bridey Murphy was a piker in the unusual business of journeying back through time.

You'll find a whole town on its way through the fourth dimension — all the way back to the year 1856.

Although the transition is not yet complete, the change already made is enough to make a stranger gape with wonder and amazement.

In the midst of a thriving, upto-date community, with modern homes, businesses, automobiles and all the conveniences of our time, there has suddenly descended an atmosphere of lavender and old lace.

Bustles and bonnets are becoming the height of fashion with the ladies, and the men are sporting derbys and stovepipe hats. And perhaps the most notable change is to be seen in the faces of the men. It is almost impossible to find an adult male resident of Pocahontas without a beard or mustache of some sort.

All this masquerading is being done in preparation for celebrating the town's 100th birthday next month.

The folks are dressed in the fashion of their pioneer forebears for a big acting job of portraying their ancestors in a historical pageant which will highlight a fourday centennial celebration beginning September 26.

All of the costumes and scenery as well as the script, will be completely authentic and many of the participants will be direct descendents of the inclviduals they represent in the pageant.

In addition to the pageant, many other exciting and entertaining activities are planned for the event.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 29 -- 1956

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

CENTENNIAL RELIGIOUS DEDICATION DAY

Morning - Centennial observances in Churches of the city and surrounding area.

Afternoon - Freedom of Religion Centennial Service at the Centennial
2:30 - Amphitheater. Special Music by combined choirs of Poca4:00 hontas Churches and other Churches of this area. Guest Soloist...Congregational Singing. CENTENNIAL ADDRESS....Dr. Matt Ellis, president Hendrix College, Conway.

Evening - Emphasis on the Future Religious Endeavors of the Pocahontas Churches.

Assembly of God...Rev. Roman Douglas
First Baptist...Rev. B. D.
Smith
First Methodist...Rev. Van W.

Harrell
St. Paul's Catholic... Very Rev.
Edward N. Hinckley
Free Will Baptist... Rev. J.
Reford Wilson

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

QUEEN'S CONTEST DAY

Contest sponsored by the J. C. 's of Pocahontas.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

QUEEN'S DAY

Morning - COKE PARTY. Sponsored by P.E.O. and B&PW at Mrs.
8:30 Ray Limbaugh's for Queen and Maids and Official Lady Dignitaries.

12:00 - LUNCHEON. Sponsored by
Noon Biggers-Reyno Sisters of the
Swish at Mrs. L. R. Martin's
for Queen and Maids and Official Lady Dignitaries.

Afternoon - DRESS REVIEW. In front of
Court House. Two prizes:
The Prettiest Dress
The Most Original Dress
Rules for contestants:
Must have swish pin
Cosmetic Badge
Official Bonnett
(wearing of bonnett
optional)
Open to all local and
County Ladies

Evening - FREE STREET DANCING ...

DOWNTOWN
7:30 Music by:

Jimmie Clare Mahannah and The Happy Valley Boys

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PARADE DAY

Morning - REGISTRATION OF VISITORS
AND FORMER RESIDENTS AT
9:00 CENTENNIAL HEADQUARTERS
(9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.)

Afternoon - FEATURE ATTRACTION OF
THE CELEBRATION -- HUGE
3:00 CENTENNIAL PARADE -"Salute to a Century" - Floats Bands - etc.
THEME -- "FROM THE PAST
TO THE FUTURE"

5:00 BAND CONCERT AT POCA-HONTAS ATHLETIC FIELD

Evening ·

7:30 - PREPAGEANT ENTERTAIN-MENT

8:15 -	FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE PAGEANT SPECTACLE "THE POCAHONTAS STORY"	9:30 to	-	OPEN HOUSE AT RANDOLPH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
	Fireworks Finale	Afternoon	1 -	
THURSI	DAY, SEPTEMBER 27	1:30 to	-	OPEN HOUSE AT BROWN
	FARMER'S DAY			SHOE FACTORY.
Morning -	REGISTRATION OF VISITORS	3:30		(Guided tours between above hours)
3	AND FORMER RESIDENTS AT	Evening	-	2,
9:00	(9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.)	7:30	-	PREPAGEANT ENTER- TAINMENT
10:00 A.M.	- ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY EXHIBITS. ANTIQUE KITCHEN	8:15	***	THIRD PERFORMANCE OF
to	EXHIBIT BY HOME DEMON-			THE PAGEANT SPECTACLE - "THE POCAHONTAS
5:00 P. M.	STRATION CLUBS. ANTIQUE FARM SHOP BY ARKANSAS-			STORY"
	MISSOURI POWER COMPANY. EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS ON			Fireworks Finale
	COTTON AND LIVESTOCK. All the above in the lobby and	SATU	R.D	AY, SEPTEMBER 29
	in front of Court House.			R HOME COMING DAY
Afternoon	- ENTERTAINMENT. OLD	Morning		DECICEDATION OF DIOMETER
2:00	TIME MUSICIANS.	9:00 to		REGISTRATION OF PIONEERS, AT CENTENNIAL HEAD-
2:30	- RECOGNITION OF HONOR	12:00		QUARTERS
	GUESTS. PRINCIPAL ADDRESS - Dr. John T.	12:00		OLD FASHIONED FAMILY
	Caldwell, President University of Arkansas.	Noon		PICNIC ON OLD COURT SQUARE
Evening	-	Afternoon		FAMILY PROMENADE AROUND
7:15	- PREPAGEANT ENTERTAIN-	9.00		
8:15	MENT - SECOND PERFORMANCE	2:00	-	COURT SQUARE (CEN- TENNIAL DRESS)
0.13	OF THE PAGEANT SPEC-	2:30	-	OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST
	TACLE "THE POCA- HONTAS STORY"			ON COURT SQUARE RECOGNITION OF OLDEST
				PIONEERS, OF RESIDENTS AND FORMER RESIDENTS
	Fireworks Finale			COMING LONGEST DISTANCE
		Evening	-	
	Y, SEPTEMBER 28	7:30	-	PREPAGEANT ENTERTAIN- MENT
COMMUNITY DAY				
Morning	- REGISTRATION OF	8:15	-	FOURTH PERFORMANCE OF THE PAGEANT SPECTACLE
9:00	VISITORS AND FORMER RESIDENTS AT CENTEN-			- "THE POCAHONTAS STORY"
	NIAL HEADQUARTERS			STORY
	(9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.)			Fireworks Finale

THE POCAHONTAS STORY

NARRATORS

Edwin C. Cox, Jr. Hiram Mayo

Vernon J. King

Women Edith Buffington Marjorie Spikes

Ann McNabb

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	Onera Snodgrass		
Mary Bennett		NATIONS QUEENS	Audine M. Burns
Margaret Templeton	STATES TO COLUMBIA		
Bunny Thompson		Willene Davis	CADETS
Millie Baltz	Freeda Carolyn Smith	Jean Brooks	
Mary Ann Bates	Ambertine Million	Ava Pickett	Susan DeClerk
Barbara Junkersfeld	Jewell Harvey	Betty Stubblefield	Beverly Allbritton
Shelby Jones	Patsy Ruth James	Maxine Manis	Susie Baltz
Mary Rae Carroll	Betty Ann Vanwinkle		Marcella Lamar
Johnnie Talbott	Donelda Johnson	LADIES IN WAITING	Carrie Hyde
Madelyn Weir	Jo Ann James		Charlotte Belford
Kerry Smith	Lenora White		Peggy Jo Waldron
Shirley Waymon	Lucille Bennett		Diane Smith
Helen Baltz	Gwen Kennedy		Linda Limbaugh
Judy DeClerk	Delois Draby		Betty Prosser

EPISODE I--IN THE BEGINNING

Before heroic white man set foot on our soil it belonged to the historic American Indian..

BRAVES	Claude E. Starr Harold J. Schaechtel R. D. Barden	Joe Springer Marvin Wells Raphael Dust	Johnnie Loggains Ralph Murphy Bill James	Al DeClerk Bill Jones Larry Brown	
	Perry H. Stubblefield Jerald Caffrey	John F. Mobbs Sgt. Robert J. Roberson	J. E. Bly Richard Robinette, J	r.	
SQUA WS	Mrs. Fred Rogers Mrs. J. Elbert Bly Mrs. Raymond Barden	Mrs. Maude Perrin Mrs. Ona Starr Mrs. Vera Price	Mrs. B. J. Roberson Mrs. Myrtle Springer Mrs. Hope Mobbs	Mrs. W. E. Trammel	

EPISODE II--THE EARLY SETTLERS

Peace to thy soul, oh pilgrim on the way, God's love abide with you through the night.... And to these pioneers we owe thanks for opening to us and to all men frontiers of freedom.

PIONEER MEN	Virgil Hart D. M. Cramblett	Lucy Mock Agnes James	SQUARE DANCERS
Alton Smith Herman Tyler Wm. W. Thies R. F. Eldridge Jay Hyde Claud Mock Herman Camp Darnell Potter Theron R. Rice Homer Rice Gordon W. Rice	D. M. Cramblett Will Tiner PICNEER WOMEN Mrs. Wm. W. Thies Reba Hyde Sue Scott Goldie Eldridge Lena McCallister Garnetta Smith Jessie Tyler Pauline Conner Martha Decker	Agnes James Agnes Hart Wilma Childs Gladys Helms Deleta Rice Thelma Poynor Miss Veoma Walrond Mrs. Donald Cramblett Mrs. Jesse Burrow Mrs. Homer Rice Mrs. Theron Rice Mrs. Will Tiner	Mr. & Mrs. George Dust Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thielemier Mr. & Mrs. George Thielemier Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Thielemier FIDDLER Jim Holobaugh POCAHONTAS
N. A. Childs	Lenora Rose		Miss Pocahontas Rose Baltz

EPISODE III--REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

Six days shalt thou labor and the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God..... Same cast as in Episode II

EPISODE IV--THE THREE R'S

'Readin'---'Riten---'Rithmetic

Same cast as in Episode II

EPISODE V--POCAHONTAS---THE COUNTY SEAT

The day dawned, the weather was hot and bright, the air was full of martial activity when Pocahontas became the county seat.

activity which i occitonic	ab became the coun	ity scat.		
TEACHER	Alvin Junkersfeld	Henry G. Dust	Imogene Waymon	Mrs. Ray Buffington
Mrs. Geneva Bigger	Leon Tiner	Henry Smith	Nina Collins	Mrs. Robert Parker
OLD FASHION MEN	Walter L. Doan	OLD FASHION WOMEN	Thema Lewallen	Loretta Turner
	Drexdel Keech	Mrs. W. J. Barthel	Syble Keech	Mrs. Pearl Bowers
	Elwood Smith	Mrs. M. J. Gschwend	Mrs. Guy Amos	Louise Thompson
Paul Hatfield	Jack Thompson	Mrs. Lois Armstrong	Evelyn Junkersfeld	
D. L. Wallace	Ruff Bowers	Esther Wurtz	Miss Blanche Pete	rs
Hosea H. Wright	Edward L. Baltz	Mrs. James B. Baltz	Mrs. Fay Sallee	

EPISODE VI--A CHAPTER IN BLACK

... that this nation shall not perish from the earth...

SOLDIERS

Henry Dawson Jerry Junkersfeld Willy Blissenbach Benny Waymon Don Frankenberger Donnie Thielemier Thomas Surles Max Baltz Don McCluskey Jimmy Tiner Martin Zitzelberger Thomas A. Cooper

EPISODE VII--THOSE STEAMBOAT DAYS

And then they came up the Black River...

Same cast as in Episode V

EPISODE VIII--THE AWFUL VISITATION

Tragedy, suffering, fear and the dread cry wascholera.....

Same cast as in Episode V

EPISODE IX--THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD

...I've been working on the railroad...

MEN Dow Dawson WOMEN Virginia Pace Mrs. Inis Slayton Mrs. Ruth Rogers Ernest Burns Patsy Thielemier Millard Brown Duke Pace Anita Pratt G. B. Johnson Jewel C. Mize H. L. Armstrong Lillian Doolin Jane Haltom Arvil Jackson Alma McFatridge Mrs. Myrtle Ladd Edwin Rajski Leonard R. Miller Thomas Scott, Jr. Mrs. Darnell Potter Rosemary Baltz C. W. Randle Mrs. Maxine Brochue Mrs. Willard Upshaw Stuart Davis Hazel Dawson Paul Bowlin Philomena Baltz Al Koubek Lehman Smith Opal Phillips Elizabeth Cooper Thurman Camp Menden Pratt Mrs. Frances Carroll Mrs. Guy Barden

EPISODE X--THE FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

In the good old summer time..... Get a horse, son..... Get a horse.....

Yes, those were the gay gay ninety days.

GAY NINETIES MEN Same cast as in Episode IX GAY NINETIES WOMEN Same cast as in Episode IX

BATHING BEAUTIES

CAN-CAN GIRLS Mrs. Elwood Smith Mrs. Daily Wallace Helen Baltz Judy DeClerk Juanita Ingram Lucille Poindexter Bunny Thompson Ambertine Million Mrs. George Saala Madge E. Timbs Jewell Harvey Mary Sue Parker

EPISODE XI--TO THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY

In Flanders Field the poppies grow, between crosses row on row....

EPISODE XII--THE ROARING TWENTIES

Twenty-three skiddoo, kiddo...... I love my wife, but oh you kid...... CHARLESTON

WOMEN

By special request, these men Clarice Jansen Mary Helen Baltz Barbara Camp Hilda Evans Eva Lea Barnes Frances Camp desire to remain anonymous Norma Sypniewski

EPISODE XIII--IT HAPPENED AGAIN

Lest we forget

MARINES Don Frankenberger Max Baltz Willy Blissenbach Jerry Junkersfeld Thomas Surles Don Thielemier

EPISODE XIV--THE ATOMIC AGE

Is this beginning or the end?

EPISODE XV--FINALE

Into this great wheel of time Pocahontas takes its place as a spoke, turning courageously into the future.. ENTIRE ENSEMBLE

CHOIR PERSONNEL

SOPRANOS Cona Jean Upshaw Dorothy McFall A. L. Koubek Marvin T. Wells Betty Blair Carolyn Crim Alma Spikes Mitt Bennett Paul DeClerk Lloyd McCann Pauline Blankenship Delois Draby Jo Berryman Ben Lincoln Joanne Martin Ambertine Million Patsy Frangenberg Robert Counts Erman Haynes Hattie Smith Dorothy DeClerk Helen Jane Scott Joe Blankenship Johnny Sago Nancy Campbell Ruth Swan Lucille Stolt George DeClerk Rainer DeClerk Clarice Jansen Birdie Holt Pauline Conner Connie Holland Pauline Starr Stella Bennett Bernard DeClerk Wavon Sago Jean Wilson Mary Barden Ellen Holt Harold Bly Peggy Petty Gladys Helms Tom Hackworth Helen Bennett Mary Burke Wanda Carter Lois Murphy W. H. Cox Blanche Rogers Agnes Barre Daly Holt PIANIST Mary Katherine Callicott ALTOS TENORS BASS Mrs. Rector Johnston Etoile Gibson Guy Barden Mrs. Freeman Nichols Mary DeClerk Paul Hatfield

Mayme Haynes Lee Litherland Betty Jane DeClerk Sam Callicott Laveta Ladd Mary H. Baltz Garfield Throgmorton J. N. Pratt Lorene DeClerk Rose Baltz Paul Bowlin Leonard Murphy Hazel Johnston John Wells

Madeline Baltz Edwin C. Cox, Jr. John W. James Jo Carolyn Kent Beulah Feiler Dow Dawson

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CHURCHES POCAHANTAS







Early Catholic Church
 First Methodis Church



Present Catholic Church
 Grotto on Catholic Church Grounds

OLDEST



NANNIE MARTIN Born March 9, 1858

YOUNGEST At Publishing Date



JOSEPH PHILLIP BALTZ, JR. Born August 24, 1956

CHURCHES













- Free Will Baptist
 Seventh Day Adventist
 Church of Christ

- First Baptist Church
 Evangelistic Tabernacle
 Assembly of God

SCENES OF OLD POCAHONTAS













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1. Old Opera House 3. Old Court Square 4. Old Court Square

Old Court House
 Old Court Square
 Old Court Square



THE RANDOLPH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Since the opening of the hospital on October 23, 1950, it has steadily improved its services and several additions have been added in the form of new and better equipment. Air conditioning, additional office space, awnings, have all been added and construction is now under way on the much needed solarium or sun porch.

In July of 1954 Mr. Kenneth Dahl resigned as administrator and was replaced by Robert A. Berryman, who is the present administrator.

The present hospital staff consists of five registered nurses, nine nurse's aids, two orderlies, three people in the housekeeping department, two laundry personnel, one maintenance man, and one man who takes care of the grounds. In addition to these, there are four people who work in the administrative department which includes the administrator.

In January of 1955, the hospital announced the beginning of another service to its patients, that being the newly organized corp of Gray Ladies. This organization is under the direction of the American Red Cross and is sponsored by the hospital auxiliary. This group is composed of about 60 ladies of Randolph County who give of their time to do the many little extra things for the patients that the nursing department does not have time for. The hospital would like at this time to express its sincere appreciation for the splendid work being done by the Gray Ladies.

April 1, 1955, the Hospital Auxiliary sponsored its first Home Town Varities. The show was a huge success and the proceeds were used to buy a much needed fracture bed for the Randolph County Memorial Hospital. Funds derived from the second Variety Show held in the spring of 1956 will be used to buy furniture for the newly constructed sun room.

The hospital will celebrate its sixth birthday October 23, 1956. During those six years, the hospital has rendered its services to over 6000 people. Its doors have never closed and it has never been without patients. The hospital wishes to extend to its many patients and visitors an expression of gratitude for the many gifts, whole-hearted support and cooperation it has received, and pledges itself to continue in its operation. The doors will always be open and the staff ever ready to do their utmost in the relief of suffering and the benefit of humanity.

The following is the record of service rendered to patients of Randolph County Memorial Hospital since its opening on October 23, 1950.

Patients admitted: 6,837 Out Patients treated: 6,921 Meals served: 153,100
Babies delivered: 1,455 Surgical operations: 1,340 Payroll over: \$321,500

PRESENT POCAHONTAS BUILDINGS





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- St. Paul's Parochial School
 Pocahontas High School
 Post Office Building

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- Pocahontas Grade School
 Randolph County Court House
 Pocahontas Court Square Scene

Growing Pains

INDUSTRY

Probably the first commercial activity in the county was the hattery of Samuel McIlroy. The water-powered grist mill and saw mill of DeMunn Brothers were established about the same time.

The river traffic was the nucellus of all commerce in the village of Pocahontas. Transportation in and out of the town and county was principally by steamboats on the Black River, and business of every kind was lively, with people saying little of hard times. Among the many boats serving Poca-hontas were the U.S. Mail Packet, Milt Harry, the elegant steamer, Josie Harry, the Wild Boy, and the Hope and the Clara Inman, the last named captained by the Inman brothers. Others were the Bragg and the cotton boat, Ida Lee, with Captain Pete McArthur, the Black Diamond, the Laurel and the Fairy Queen. The Julia Dean, with a valuable cargo travelling from Memphis to Pocahontasisank just before reaching its destination.

Besides the river route, passengers and freight were also transported overland by stage-coach and The Bigger and the St. Charles hotels each maintained livery stables in connection and advertised "good horses, good hacks and good

The beginning of road building in Arkansas touched Pocahontas when the North to South Military road was begun in 1832. During that year and through 1836, this road opened from Hix's Ferry on the Current River through Pocahontas and Davidson-ville to Little Rock. Today, the "Great-Lakes-to the-Gulf" Highway (U.S. 67) passes through Pocahontas where it merges with State Highways 90 and 115, the three paved roads forming a "Y" and the

city approach to the Black River bridge.

In 1892 eastern industrialists promoted a railroad and the fact that railways were fast supplanting the river traffic in commercial transportation caused the landowners to contribute more lands than were required. In 1898 work was begun on the Hoxie, Pocahontas and Northern railroad, beginning at Hoxie and reaching to the east side of the Black River at Pocahontas in 1903, dead-ending there. A "Y" turn-around enabled the train to make the return trip to Hoxie and passengers and freight were ferried across the river to Pocahontas. Meanwhile, the Hauk Railroading Company was building the Frisco line south from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and when it reached Pocahontas, the H.P. & N. consolidated with it and a combination railroad and wagon bridge was constructed. It was used only a few years by the railroad, and condemned for such use, and until 1911, the Northbound trains from Hoxie stopped on the east side of the birdge and then trturned to Hoxie, and Southbound trains turnaround on the west side at Pocahontas, and went back to Cape Girardeau. Passengers and freight to and from Pocahontas were hauled in a sort of covered wagon, popularly known as the "Hoodlum Wagon" (driven for years by Joe Less Knotts) across the above mentioned bridge which was still open to foot passengers and vehicular traffic, on a toll basis. For years the toll-keeper was Captain Wibb Conner, and he was succeeded by his son, Carl Conner. Finally the county purchased the bridge and it was supplanted by the new Highway bridge built about the year 1925. The Frisco constructed a new railroad bridge in 1911, which still serves the railroad company. It is said to be the second longest single

span bridge in the world.

One of the principal sources of industry in the county, was its magnificent forests of hard and soft woods and for more than a century these great trees brought uncounted wealth into the area. One of the earliest big mills was the riverside Manufacturing Company located on the river near the city. Hanauer's cotton gin was also a pione er industry as was the Pocahontas Bender Works, buyer of hardwood blocks for making wagon "hounds and fellys" (to the uninitiated, a hound is a brace for the running gear and a felly is a circular rim of a wheel into which spokes are inserted). Also the Grafton Stave and Heading Company, makers of barrel staves and headings came to Pocahontas in the heyday of the timber business.

In 1909, J. O. and R. E. Sallee established a factory in Pocahontas, for making hickory handles for ax, hammer and other tools. Hickory abounded in the county at the time and there were great trees of smooth and scaly bark hickory hereabouts. Sallee Bros. factory has been in continuous operation since, except for a short time due to fire, and their products are shipped to every state in the union and to many foreign countries. Approximately 100 men are employed in their plants at Pocahontas and and other points, and they now manufacture ice and operate a coal yard.

The Western Tie and Timber Co., buyers of railroad ties, moved its main office to Pocahontas in 1912 with John R. Shively as manager. The Speice Bros. Stave Mill, Vail cooperage Co., (later known as Vail-Donaldson) and Spencer Stave Mills also provided a ready market for products of the forest and mill workers. Until recently, a large saw mill was operated by A.P. Weatherly.

The pearl button industry reached its zenith in 1917 and the Pocahontas Pearl Button Co. operated button blank cutting factory. Such blanks were processed elsewhere, but mussel shell diggers along Black River supplied the demand for the raw material as long as they could, shells being shipped in from other points by the car load when the local supply was diminished.

Anegg-dehydrating plant was built in Pocahontas in 1942 by local citizens and leased to various

operators until sold in 1945 to Armour & Co.



PIONEER DOCTORS







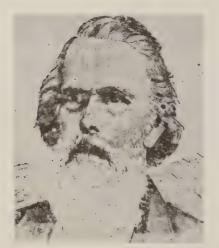






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 Dr. L. H. Hall

- Dr. H. L. Throgmorton
 Dr. J. W. Ryburn
 Dr. W. E. Hughes





The Brown Shoe Co. came to Pocahontas in 1944 and manufactured women's high-grade shoes, progressing from hide to finished product, which are shipped to St. Louis for distribution. To secure this industry \$85,000 was contributed by the citizens of the town and county and a complete factory building erected on a 5-acre tract of ground. Between 400 and 500 are regularly employed at the present time.

Some of the older firms and merchants in business in Pocahontas were Levi Hecht, Alec Hampp, Fred Kline, Warshavsky's, Wall Bros., R. N. Hamil, Skinner Drug Store, Martin Drug Store, L. E. Imboden, John Hencke and A. Z. Schnabaum. Others followed such as Johnson-Cloyes Hardware Co., Bennett & Rice, Alphin's Meat Market, N.A. Childs, J. W. Voohers, Spinnenweber and Peters, Henry Meier, Junkersfeld's, Lewallen Grocery and Joseph

Ed Graham, "Dad" Busick and Wiley Ward were among the first barbers, and Bill Malone, Charley Moore and B. B. Fisher were right on their heels.

F. J. Baltz has been in the real estate business for approximately 50 years as has Joe Decker, and

both are still actively engaged therein.

The Martin Insurance Agency, established in 1908 under the name of Martin & Wells, later known as Martin & Fisher, and now as the Martin Agency, is one of the oldest businesses in Pocahontas still under the same management, as is the Johnston Drug Company, begun in January, 1917. Joseph Peters established as restaurant, confectionery and variety store before 1900 and his son, Joe, still operates Peters Variety Store in Pocahontas.

All in all, four banks have been established at Pocahontas, The Randolph County Bank, the Pocahontas State Bank and the First National Bank. They were consolidated as the Randolph State Bank, which was closed furing the 1930 depression. The Bank of Biggers removed to Pocahontas in 1930, became the Bank of Pocahontas, and in 1953

celebrated its semi-centennial.

Radio Station KPOC, opened in 1950, now operated on AM and FM and serves the trade of Poca-

hontas and within a thirty mile radius.

Electric lighting and telephone systems were established in Pocahontas approximetely 50 years ago, a waterworks system begun in 1917, improved and extended in 1939, a modern sewage disposal system constructed in the same year, and a blacktop road project for all city streets inaugurated in 1940. Electric energy is now furnished by the Ark-Mo Power Company, water and sewage disposal systems are city owned and are self-liquidating, and the streets are fully paid for. A new modern court house was erected in 1940, and a modern fire department is maintained with three fire trucks and related equipment valued at \$25,000.00, and adequate salaried personnel in charge.

Natural gas was delivered to Pocahontas consumers in September of 1950, through Ft. Smith Gas Corp. The gas is pumped through the pipe lines of Mississippi River Fuel Corporation.

Dr. Michael Beshoar entered into partnership with Professor Norman and they published the first newspaper in the county, The Herald. In the same year Jos. T. Fisher established the Weekly Advertiser. In 1860 the two papers merged as the Adervtiser & Herald. It was edited by James T. Martin, (a great uncle of L.R. Martin, of the present Martin Insurance Agency.) This paper was published regularly until August 22, 1863, when Federal troops raiding out of Missouri burned a part of the town including the newspaper office.

After the burning of the newspaper office by the raiders, Pocahontas was without a newspaper for two years. Then Edwin Rockwell established the courier. In 1867 he sold it to T.J. Ratliff and J.H. Purkins, who changed the name to Black River Standard. The paper became insolvent in one year and the equipment was purchased by Thomas L. Martin, who began publication of the Randolph County Express in July 1868. In the same year Edwin Rockwell and Joseph Hufstedler established the Randolph County Courier, which consolidated with the Express and was published until 1873.

In 1869 the Randolph County Republican was started but was short lived. Later the Scalpel was established by J.H. Purkins and the same Edwin Rockwell, who must have had printer's ink in his veins, as this was his third venture in the newspaper business in Pocahontas. At his death, J.A. C. Jackson bought an interest in the Scalpel and continued to be active in the publication until he sold his interest to W.A. Lucas in 1882. Soon afterwards the plant burned and was not replaced.

In 1880 the Randolph Herald was started by C.W. and L.A. Dunifer who sold the firm to F.E. LeSieur, a short time owner, and in 1882 Capt. J.N. Bolen purchased this printing establishment, remaining in business until 1897. Subsequent owners were S.O. Penick, 1897-1899; Hull & Miller, 1889; E.E. Spiller, 1889-1901. Owners and co-owners during the early 1900's were L.F. Blankenship, Earle W. Hodges, D.A. Lindsey and B.G. Hinton. About 1906 the Randolph Herald was consolidated with the News-Herald and the Pocahontas Star and the name changed to the Star Herald, our present printing company, publishers of the weekly newspaper, Pocahontas Star Herald. Members of the Blankenship family have been continuous owners since 1902 and the business has been managed by L.F. Blankship, W.L. Blankenship, Harry Blankenship and Eunice Blankenship O'Baugh, the present editor who has served in this capacity since 1935.



No, girls, this is not Gorgeous George getting his tresses curled by Miss Gladys Pickett, but it is Pocahontas' "one-and-only"......Mr. Wade James

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Harvey Allison — Secretary-treasurer

Vernon Lemmons — Insurance Agent

Mrs. C. A. Stolt — Office Secretary



Wesley Brown

The Randolph County Farm Bureau, is an incorporated farm organization. It is affiliated with the state and national Farm Bureau. The local organization was organized in 1936. The present membership is 730 members.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is the largest general farm organization in the world.

Farm Bureau Sponsored the Following Programs:

- 1. Helped establish Arkansas soybeans on equal basis with Northern soybeans.
- 2. Helped organize REA.
- 3. Sponsored calfhood vaccination program.
- 4. Sponsored soil testing laboratory.
- 5. Sponsored gasoline tax refund for farmers (Both state and Federal.)
- 6. Helped organize Blue-Cross-Blue Shield in Arkansas.
- 7. Randolph County Farm Bureau organized first Blue Cross-Blue Shield group in Randolph County.
- 8. Farm Bureau has worked closely with Extension Service, Experiment Stations, and other groups in carrying out educational programs for the benefit of farmers.
- 9. Helped organize Randolph County Farmers Association.
- 10. Has worked for better schools, better roads, telephone service, development of natural resources, federal farm program, and many other programs for the benefit of farmers.

The Randolph County Farm Bureau established an office in the old Bank Building in Pocahontas in 1953, to handle the service programs and other Farm Bureau business. This is now a full-time office.

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 6. James L. Dalton, Inventor Dalton Adding Machine
 7. Pocahontas Rose Baltz Daughter of William Baltz only Namesake of Town
 8. William Baltz, Inventor of Wonder Horse

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Ted Bowers Mayor



C.A. "Butch" Stolt
Chief of Police



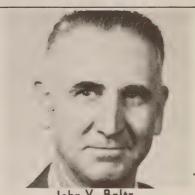
J.M. Black Clerk and Recorder



W.J. Schoonover Municipal Judge



George Steimel City Attorney



John V. Baltz Alderman



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Observing its
Thirtieth Anniversary
Congratulates
POCAHONTAS

on its

Centennial Anniversary

As we enter this new era we would like to pause a moment—thank you for your loyal confidence and the many friendships formed. May we continue to merit your friendship and confidence.



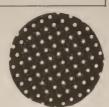
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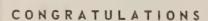
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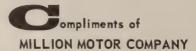
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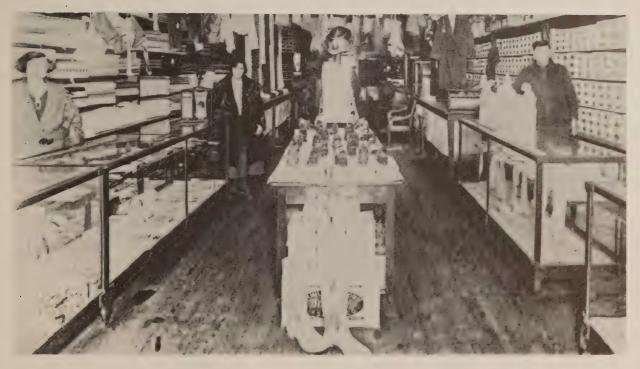


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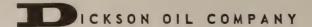
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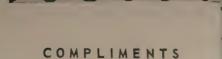
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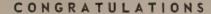
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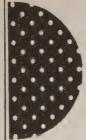
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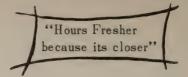
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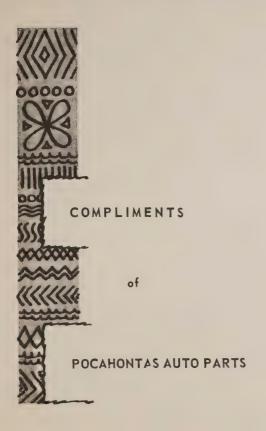
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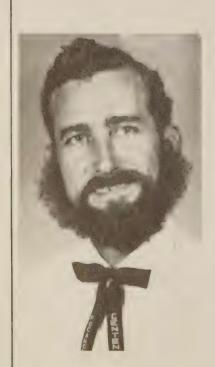
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